

Music Development Plan Summary: Whipton Barton Federation

At Whipton Barton Federation, we believe that every child should have access to a high-quality music education. Through curriculum learning, enrichment opportunities and performance experiences, pupils develop as performers, composers and listeners while fostering creativity, self-expression and a lifelong enjoyment of music.

Our music provision is delivered through the award-winning Kapow Primary scheme and enriched through music clubs, instrumental tuition, performances and community partnerships. Together, these opportunities create a vibrant musical culture across the Federation and enable all pupils to engage positively with music throughout their primary education.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026/2027
Date this summary was published	August 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the school music lead	Chloe Evans
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Alistair Wilson (Deputy Headteacher)
Name of local music hub	Devon Music Hub

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, co-curricular provision and musical experiences – and what changes we are planning in future years. This information is to help pupils and parents or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

Part A: Curriculum music

At Whipton Barton Federation, music is a valued and integral part of every pupil's education. We provide a broad, inclusive and engaging curriculum that develops musical knowledge, skills, confidence and creativity. Through our use of the Kapow Primary Music scheme, we ensure full coverage of the National Curriculum and alignment with the Model Music Curriculum (2021).

Inclusion lies at the heart of our approach. Lessons are carefully planned and adapted to meet the needs of all learners so that every child can access, participate in and enjoy music. Kapow's high-quality resources, alongside effective adaptive teaching strategies, support pupils of all abilities to make progress and achieve success.

Our curriculum is designed to be progressive and cumulative, enabling pupils to build on prior learning throughout their time at the Federation. Key musical knowledge and skills are revisited and developed over time, helping pupils to deepen their understanding and grow in confidence as musicians. From Early Years through to Year 6, pupils develop their understanding of the interrelated dimensions of music, including pitch, duration, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and dynamics. They learn to listen critically, sing confidently, perform expressively, compose creatively and respond thoughtfully to a wide range of musical styles and genres.

Pupils are introduced to music from different cultures, traditions and historical periods, broadening their musical understanding and encouraging curiosity about the wider world. Through these varied experiences, pupils develop an appreciation of music's cultural significance and its ability to bring people together.

Our music curriculum aims to inspire creativity, nurture self-expression and foster a lifelong appreciation of music. We want every child to leave Whipton Barton Federation with a secure musical foundation, confidence in their own abilities and an understanding of the important role music can play in enriching their lives.

Part B: Extra-Curricular music

Music clubs form an important part of Whipton Barton Federation's wider enrichment programme. Current opportunities include a Key Stage 1 Music Club, a Key Stage 2 Choir and a Year 5 and 6 'Band in a Term' club during the summer term. These activities provide enjoyable and engaging opportunities for pupils to develop their musical skills beyond the curriculum while supporting well-being, confidence and social development.

Pupils regularly perform within school and in the wider community. Opportunities include assemblies, celebration events and collaborative performances with other schools across the Trust. Children also perform at local venues and community events, including care homes, Exeter Cathedral and other public performances. These experiences allow pupils to share their musical achievements with a range of audiences while developing confidence, resilience and musicianship.

Peripatetic music lessons are available for pupils who wish to pursue further musical development. Instrumental tuition is provided by specialist teachers from Devon Music Hub, enabling pupils to develop their skills through sustained learning and regular practice. To promote equitable access, children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding are offered subsidised lessons for one instrument. These opportunities support progression beyond the core curriculum and encourage pupils to continue their musical journey through instrumental learning and performance.

Part C: Musical experiences

Music is an integral part of school life at Whipton Barton Federation and extends well beyond classroom lessons. Throughout the academic year, pupils participate in a range of musical activities including whole-school assemblies, seasonal celebrations, year-group showcases, concerts and performances for families and the wider community. These occasions provide valuable opportunities for children to develop their performance skills, build confidence and contribute positively to the life of the school.

Regular musical events are carefully planned to ensure that pupils of all ages can participate, perform and celebrate their achievements. These experiences promote inclusion, creativity, collaboration and confidence, enabling every child to experience the enjoyment and sense of accomplishment that comes from making and sharing music with others.

The Federation also subscribes to the *Musician of the Month* programme, which enriches our music curriculum and supports the development of a strong culture of musical appreciation across the school. Through a six-year cycle, pupils are introduced to a diverse range of composers, performers, genres and musical traditions from around the world. Links to the wider curriculum help pupils broaden their musical knowledge, deepen their understanding and develop a lifelong appreciation of music.

In the future

Whipton Barton Federation is committed to the continuous development of its music provision. Over the coming years, we will further strengthen staff expertise through high-quality professional development, ensuring that all teachers have the knowledge, skills and confidence to deliver engaging and effective music lessons.

We will continue to expand opportunities for pupils to participate in music beyond the classroom by developing our extra-curricular and instrumental offer. Our aim is to increase access to specialist tuition, ensembles and performance opportunities so that more pupils can develop their musical interests and talents. We are also committed to strengthening partnerships with the Devon Music Hub, local music organisations and professional musicians to provide pupils with an even wider range of musical experiences. Through these developments, music will remain a vibrant and valued part of school life, supporting creativity, self-expression, aspiration and personal development for all pupils.

Further information (optional)

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

[Devon Music Hub](#) have further information on what is on offer in Devon.